

US Fish and Wildlife Service

SUMMARY OF WILDLIFE RESTORATION



Washington 2003



Division of Federal Aid

September 27, 2005

W-41-D-53

Habitat Development

Objectives of this grant are to establish and continue statewide cooperative landowner access/ habitat development program for upland game birds to enhance habitat and expand hunter access.

This grant benefits wildlife by maintaining and increasing upland game bird populations and enhancing their habitats. It also improves hunting opportunities that have been reduced over time. Project involves many partners including the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, private landowners, and volunteers.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 505,237.50
Congressional District(s): All

W-42-L-52

Statewide Lease of Lands

To lease three State Wildlife Areas and pay in-lieu taxes for 11 State Wildlife Areas. This grant increases the amount of land available to wildlife and wildlife recreationists adjacent to and within the boundaries of wildlife management areas.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 191,347.00
Congressional District(s): All

W-83-HS-33

Hunter Education

Objectives:

- * To reduce hunting related incidents involving firearms and other hunting implements
- * To instill in hunter education students and in the general public an awareness of their responsibilities as hunters with particular emphasis on respect for private and public property and the rights of others
- * To enhance student and general public understanding of the basic principles of wildlife habitat and conservation
- * To develop and/or upgrade student and general public knowledge about and proficiency skills with the safe use of hunting equipment
- * To recruit, train and retrain qualified volunteer instructors to conduct firearm and other safety education programs statewide
- * To recognize in a public manner the accomplishments and contributions of certified hunter education instructors
- * To instill in all hunters the concepts of lifelong learning about equipment, safety, wildlife, habitat, and wildlife laws, rules, and regulations.

The education program contains specific problem statement/strategy/results/benefits/approach for the following categories:

Curriculum Live firing Field courses
Bowhunter Education Trapper Education Advanced Hunter Ed
Instructor recruitment Instructor staffing Pre-service training
In Service Training Recognition Hunting accident reporting
Alternative education Range construction Administration

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 491,467.00
Congressional District(s): All

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W-94-D-21

Wildlife Area Program

Objectives of this grant are to manage Wildlife Area contract lands in order to meet one or more of the following: to protect or increase particular wildlife species; to protect or improve existing habitat condition or replace lost habitats; to increase wildlife-related recreational opportunity.

Benefits from the grant include maintaining Washington's biodiversity through protection of critical habitats; protection of winter range for deer and elk and other game species, which allows populations to remain stable or increase; and wildlife associated recreational opportunities (hunting/viewing) for the public is provided on over 400,000 acres of state owned or controlled lands.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 1,347,025.00
Congressional District(s): All

W-96-R-12

Statewide Wildlife Management

Objectives of this grant are to gather and analyze data for deer, elk, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, black bear, cougar, upland game, furbearers, and migratory game birds; to develop improved information related to ungulate, upland game birds (primarily prairie grouse), migratory birds, and large carnivore ecology and population status, to gain information needed to develop management plans. Grant includes studies designed 1) to determine through annual surveys the status of wildlife populations, their habitat requirements, and the effects of altered habitats on future population levels, and to initiate implementation of population and habitat strategies; 2) to carry out research on prairie grouse, Rocky Mountain elk, black bear, snowshoe hare, and band-tailed pigeon; and 3) to update wildlife species plans for deer, elk, cougar, and black bear. These studies will provide information for improving existing management approaches, and where needed, establishing new management strategies for the various wildlife species in Washington.

All survey and inventory information on population status of species and additional information on life history of the species in question will benefit the agency in more accurately assessing population status, recruitment, productivity, and health to allow for hunting season frameworks to be established and protective measures taken where information indicates species will benefit.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003
Ending Date: 06/30/2004
Federal Cost: \$ 1,713,068.00
Congressional District(s): All

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W-98-E-3

Section 10 Shooting Range

State-wide shooting Range grants for shooting range improvements.

Administer Shooting range grant process including solicitation, evaluation, ranking and funding of successful applicants.

Purchase two LaserShot systems for use in Hunter Education classes.

Signage for federally funded facilities.

Update shooting range directory, conduct pilot hunter education rendezvous for students.

Beginning Date: 07/01/2003

Ending Date: 09/30/2004

Federal Cost: \$ 114,915.00

Congressional District(s):